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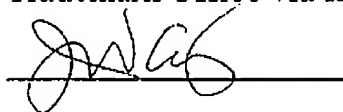
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action dated September 11, 2008 in the above-identified patent application and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Entry of the present amendments and favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested based on the following amendments and remarks.